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## LAST NOTICE

### The Fifth Meeting of The Latin Club

#### *Send Your Postal Card at Once*

The fifth regular meeting of The New York Latin Club is called for Saturday, March 29, at 12 M, in the Hotel Albert, corner of University Place and Eleventh Street, New York. This date is selected at the suggestion of Professor Harry Thurston Peck, the head of the Latin Department of Columbia University, who will address the Club on the general subject of Secondary Latin. All persons who are interested, whether teachers of Latin or not, are cordially invited to be present. The plan is to serve luncheon (50 cents a plate for members, 75 cents for guests) at 12 M promptly, so that there shall be no delay. The address will follow the luncheon, and adjournment will occur about 2 P M, *thus leaving the afternoon still unbroken for those who attend.* Please send a postal card at once to the Secretary, Mr A L Hodges, 36 East Twelfth Street, New York, if you intend to be present, so that we may inform Mr Frenkel, the proprietor of the hotel, how many to expect. *Please attend to this at once.* Ladies are especially invited.

The above is the only sort of invitation that is issued.

Out-of-town teachers may find it convenient to be in the city on the day announced.

Information as to the conditions of membership in The Latin Club can be had at this meeting, or by referring to Nos. 3 and 10 of THE LATIN LEAFLET, or by addressing the Secretary.

H F TOWLE, *President*  
A L HODGES, *Secretary*

## A Preternatural Pandect—In Two Parts

### Part I

(1) Several years ago, my attention being called to the editorial comment in a volume of Latin Readings, I contested the disposition of *praeter* in *praeter ille Papirius* (Gell 1 23) as an adverb, insisting that the particle could there be only a conjunction. My criticism was resented; and I was consigned to sundry English and German authorities to learn that

*praeter* has never been admitted to the category of conjunctions, and that, inferentially, it is doomed to remain in the lower stage of development from which confirmed adverbs cannot emerge. Remembering Galileo—the ultimate, not the vacillating, Galileo—I retained my view, and simply organized into an argument the obvious considerations on which my instinctive opinion and my original hint were based. In a speedy revision, the commentary was elaborated so as to comprehend my criticism—though I must add that I never received any thanks for the suggestion or even any direct notice of its actual acceptance.

(2) Parts of speech are very insignificant matters to those who have mastered their discriminations and their conversions; but he who, in mere condescending disparagement of the stress others lay upon them, ignores them as trivialities, should bear in mind that, however petty they are as items of the known, they are of just the same size as items of the knowable; and his experience with them will sooner or later put him to shame, unless he promptly realizes their proportionate possibilities in the foundation of secure attainments. In other words, parts of speech are as little to acquire as they are to ignore; and he who disdains them, under a supposed call to literature and antiquities and such grand things, must be consistent and not claim to divine what he has scorned to investigate. Then, the less he says of them, the more he will reduce the dimensions of those gigantic blunders that such diminutive creatures put in ambush for him who despises them. Accordingly, if in the incidents of his sublime pursuits, temptation beguiles him toward offhand expression about their individuality or relationship, he had better wrap himself in his appropriated virtue and take his superiority where no student of